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TAGS: SHUM CA  
SUBJECT: CANADA AND HUMAN RIGHTS: PRESS COMMENT

ST. JOHN S (NFLD) "EVENING TELEGRAM" (7/11/77)  
DISCUSSED THE SCHMIDT-TRUDEAU COMMENTS ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN LEAD EDITORIAL AND APPARENTLY CONCLUDED  
THAT TRUDEAU IS PUSSYFOOTING ON THE ISSUE. FINAL  
PARA STATES:

"CANADA AND THE PRIME MINISTER ARE  
TREADING THE SAME OLD CAUTIOUS PATH THAT  
IS THE TRADEMARK OF OTTAWA S GENERAL POLICY.  
IT S BEEN MANY TIMES EMPHASIZED THAT  
BECAUSE OF ITS POSITION AS A SMALL NATION,  
WITH NO LUST FOR POWER OR THIRST FOR  
TERRITORY, CANADA IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION  
TO BE A LEADER AND SPOKESMAN ON MATTERS  
THAT EMBARRASS THE BIG POWERS. SO  
WHY CAN T CANADA COME OUT STRONGLY FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD? THE IDEA  
THAT PUSHING TOO HARD ON RUSSIA AND OTHER  
COUNTRIES WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IS  
NAIVE. GOING THE DIPLOMATIC ROUTE IN  
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THE PAST HAS NOT PRODUCED MUCH IN THE  
WAY OF RESULTS. MAYBE CARTER S  
OPENNESS, FRANKNESS AND DIRECTNESS  
ARE WHAT IS NEEDED."  
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